

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Ron Stoker, on January 29, 2007 at 3:15 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Ron Stoker, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Arlene Becker, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Tom McGillvray, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)  
Rep. Ernie Dutton (R)  
Rep. Julie French (D)  
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)  
Rep. William J. Jones (R)  
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)  
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)  
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)  
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)  
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)  
Rep. Diane Sands (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Debbie Carlson, Committee Secretary  
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 246, 1/17/2007  
Executive Action: HB 120, HB 255

**HEARING ON HB 246**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:43 Rep. Deborah Kottel (D), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 246, Disclosure of preferred provider contracting with non-preferred provider.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None.

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:06:44 Mark Burzynski, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Montana  
00:14:03 Susan Witte, Vice President, General Alliegance Health Insurance Company  
00:16:28 Dr. Tom Caughlin, Community Health Network  
00:18:07 Kelly Meuchel, CEO, Community Health Network  
00:22:06 Connie Welsh, Administrator, Department of Administration

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:27:20 Rep. French  
00:27:51 Rep. Kottel  
00:28:21 Rep. French  
00:28:56 Rep. Kottel  
00:31:22 Rep. French  
00:32:28 Mr. Burzynski  
00:34:47 Dr. Caughlin  
00:36:00 Rep. Peterson  
00:37:02 Rep. Kottel  
00:39:30 Rep. Peterson  
00:39:49 Rep. Kottel  
00:40:18 Rep. Peterson  
00:41:04 Dr. Caughlin  
00:42:11 Rep. McGillvray  
00:42:50 Ms. Welsh  
00:44:07 Rep. Caferro  
00:44:33 Ms. Witte  
00:45:09 Rep. Caferro  
00:45:13 Ms. Witte  
00:45:31 Rep. Caferro  
00:45:43 Ms. Witte  
00:46:03 Rep. Caferro  
00:46:09 Ms. Witte  
00:46:37 Rep. Caferro

00:47:07 Ms. Witte  
00:49:07 Rep. Dutton  
00:50:06 Mr. Burzynski  
00:52:48 Rep. Dutton  
00:53:37 Mr. Burzynski  
00:55:22 Rep. Dutton  
00:55:40 Mr. Burzynski  
00:56:29 Rep. French  
00:56:54 Mr. Burzynski  
00:57:47 Rep. Becker  
00:58:50 Mr. Burzynski  
00:59:28 Rep. Peterson  
01:00:21 Ms. Witte  
01:00:35 Rep. Peterson  
01:01:17 Ms. Witte  
01:02:06 Rep. Peterson  
01:02:35 Ms. Witte  
01:03:22 Rep. Kottel  
01:05:35 Rep. Peterson  
01:06:43 Rep. Kottel  
01:07:09 Rep. Peterson  
01:07:32 Rep. Kottel  
01:08:01 Rep. Stoker  
01:08:32 Ms. Welsh  
01:08:40 Rep. Stoker  
01:08:48 Ms. Welsh  
01:08:57 Rep. Stoker  
01:09:15 Ms. Welsh  
01:09:38 Rep. Stoker  
01:10:07 Ms. Meuchel  
01:10:24 Rep. Stoker  
01:10:37 Ms. Meuchel  
01:11:06 Rep. Stoker  
01:11:19 Ms. Meuchel  
01:12:06 Rep. Stoker  
01:12:25 Ms. Meuchel  
01:12:48 Rep. Stoker  
01:13:13 Rep. Kottel  
01:13:20 Rep. Stoker

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:13:31 Rep. Kottel

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 255**

01:17:27 **Motion:** Rep. McGillvray moved that HB 255 **DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:17:55 Rep. French  
01:18:09 Rep. Becker  
01:18:33 Rep. Peterson

01:19:25 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
01:19:48 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. McAlpin moved HB 255 **BE PLACED ON  
CONSENT CALENDAR.** Motion carried unanimously by voice  
vote.

**Discussion:**

01:20:04 Rep. Dutton  
01:21:33 Rep. Stoker

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 120**

01:22:01 **Motion:** Rep. Jones moved that HB 120 **DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:22:49 **Motion:** Rep. Peterson moved to amend HB 120.  
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**Discussion:**

01:26:09 Rep. McAlpin  
01:26:21 Rep. Becker  
01:26:41 Rep. Peterson

01:26:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:27:12 **Motion:** Rep. Sands moved that HB 120 **DO PASS AS  
AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:27:55 Rep. McGillvray  
01:28:16 Rep. McAlpin  
01:28:48 Rep. McGillvray  
01:28:58 Rep. McAlpin  
01:29:06 Rep. Stoker

01:29:28 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

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REP. RON STOKER, Chairman

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DEBBIE CARLSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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